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METHOD FOR DETECTING PATHOGENIC MYCOBACTERIA

IN CLINICAL SPECIMENS

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below.